

a second computer comprising:

a memory containing a group of associated objects and containing an object activator that receives a request from the process to access a requested object of the group of objects, that [the] determines whether the requested object is active, that determines whether a virtual machine is associated with the group of objects when it has been determined that the requested object is inactive, that activates a virtual machine for the group of objects when it is determined that there is no virtual machine associated with the group of objects, and that activates the requested object of the group in the virtual machine such that at least one other object in the group remains inactive; and

a processor for running the virtual machine.

#### REMARKS

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2000. Claims 54-69 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 54-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bezviner et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,148) in view of *Edwards et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,901,315) and also objected to an informality in claim 67. Applicants have amended claim 67 to correct the informality mentioned by the Examiner.